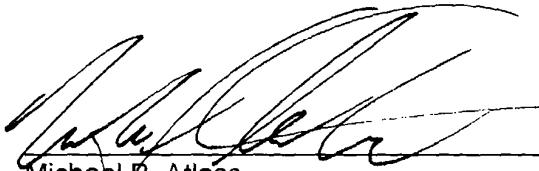


REMARKS

Most of the rejected claims have been cancelled in this Amendment and the applicant respectfully requests that the additional proposed amendment to claim 20 be entered. The additional proposed modification to claim 20 distinguishes from the reference in that the polygonal shape is seen in cross-section, whereas the polygonal shape in the reference is seen in a side view of the referenced element. Taking the reference's element in cross section, there is essentially a cross-shape. To further distinguish this cross shape from a polygon, the applicant has added the word "filled" to precede the word "polygonal", and this is believed to adequately distinguish the two forms. Thus, claims 20 and its dependent claim 21 should also be allowed.

Believing these remaining claims 16-21 to be in condition for allowance, the applicant respectfully requests the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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